

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY BE NAMED
6 IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT ROBBIE D. McNARY.

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8 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robbie D. McNary was a life-long resident of the Lewistown, Montana,
9 area, served in the U.S. Marine Corps before joining the Montana Army National Guard, and was deployed in
10 support of Operation Joint Forge to Bosnia with Alpha Company of the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion during the
11 2001-02 timeframe; and

12 WHEREAS, MSG McNary was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1-163rd Infantry
13 Battalion in the 2004-05 timeframe and, as the platoon sergeant for 3rd Platoon Charlie Company, led his soldiers
14 in daily combat patrols, on civil affairs, humanitarian, and training missions with the Iraqi army and the Iraqi police,
15 and in offensive operations against the enemy; and

16 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2005, while MSG McNary and his platoon conducted a mission to clear
17 improvised explosive devices in the city of Hawijah, Iraq, with the scout platoon, a U.S. Air Force explosive
18 ordinance disposal team, and an attached Iraqi army infantry platoon, coalition forces received fire from a sniper
19 located in the top of a nearby building; and

20 WHEREAS, MSG McNary led the team that assaulted the building to clear the sniper and, during the
21 breach of the building, was killed instantly when crushed by a Humvee, becoming the first combat loss suffered
22 by the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion since World War II; and

23 WHEREAS, MSG McNary was posthumously awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart,
24 and the Bronze Star Medal for distinguished service in combat operations.

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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 STATE OF MONTANA:

28 That the Montana Department of Military Affairs be requested to name the Lewistown National Guard
29 Armory, currently known as the S.H. Mitchell Armory, the McNary-Mitchell Armory to honor the memory of MSG
30 Robbie D. McNary.

